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Lightfoot alive, despite reports

MUSIC A false rumour about the death of Gordon Lightfoot spread like wild-fire online Thursday, prompting the bemused folk legend to address his fans live on TV to dispute the reports.

"I'm fine, everything is good," Lightfoot, 71, told all-news station CP24.

"I don't know where (the rumour) comes from."

Various Canwest papers posted reports Thursday afternoon saying Lightfoot had died and they were quickly picked up all over the Internet.

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Canadian speedskater Christine Nesbitt, from London, Ont., holds up her Olympic gold medal for the women's long-track 1,000-metre competition during the medal ceremonies in Vancouver Thursday. Story, page 21

Nesbitt nabs gold

Canadian skates to the top of the Olympic podium

First, Christine Nesbitt couldn't believe she had won. Then Canada couldn't believe they almost didn't.

Joy nearly turned to pain Thursday as Nesbitt's long-track speedskating gold in the women's 1,000 metres was abruptly upstaged by a nerve-racking Canadian men's hockey game that was way closer

than it should have been. Sidney Crosby scored in a shootout to finally dispatch the same stubborn Swiss team that beat Team Canada 2-0 in the 2006 Turin Games, an early loss that many nonetheless blamed for the team's dismal seventh-place showing.

Crosby's shootout winner allowed Canada to

edge its 2006 nemesis 3-2 in the team's second game of the Olympic tournament.

The game very nearly tarnished the gleam of Nesbitt's gold, which she claimed by not quite the narrowest of margins — two one-hundredths of a second — in what she later described as a less-than-illustrious performance.

Kristina Groves, who has already claimed bronze in the 3,000 metres, finished fourth — missing out on another medal by six one-hundredths of a second.

Shannon Rempel, 25, and Brittany Schussler, 24, both of Winnipeg, finished 21st and 25th.

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Report on bridge held back until completion

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AUDIT Calgarians will have to wait a little bit longer to get the results of an auditor's report into how the city spent \$25 million on a controversial bridge.

The audit committee voted 3-3 Thursday not to make the results of a city auditor's report public in April, as requested by Ald. Diane Colley Urquhart.

Ward 12 Ald. Ric McIver said he hopes that decision will be reversed.

"I'd like to see the report out sooner rather than later, and I think the public especially would like to see how the 25 or so million was spent on something they don't want," McIver said. "I think they would be interested in how the process unfolded."

McIver said he believes the report should be made public before council breaks for three months, but Ward 11 alderman and chair of the audit committee, Brian Pincott, said he would rather give the city auditor the requested amount of time to complete the report.

"I voted in favour of allowing the auditor to complete her work. It doesn't make sense to me to have a half-complete report come back. This is a big audit," Pincott said.

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Tampering reported again

APRIL STUART
for Metro Calgary

Despite another food tampering incident at a southwest grocer, most loyal patrons are still packing their carts full at the store.

After washing a newly purchased bag of carrots Wednesday night, a patron discovered a pin stuck in the side of the bag, according to Staff Sgt. Don Coleman of the Calgary Police Service.

Coleman said police have made significant strides in the investigation, although no one is in custody. He says no one has been injured, and the crime may be aimed more at hurting the business, since the tampering was quite visible.

Coleman says police don't consider this a prank and will lay charges if they find the culprit.

Despite three tampering incidents in the past month most customers Metro Calgary spoke to on Thursday trust that Co-Op is managing the issue.



Patrons were welcomed at the Oakridge Co-Op Thursday morning. Calgary police are investigating another food tampering incident at the southwest grocery store.

"You've just got to watch what you get," said Rose Helm while returning to her car after shopping.

Loyal customers continue to shop with the knowledge of the recent incident, said Sarah Boutron, manager of communica-

tions, members and public relations of Co-op.

"Customer safety is number 1," she said.

Still, some shoppers told Metro they remain wary.

"I was just thinking about that, but I have no choice because I have gift

cards for here," said Justine Crowchild.

Items that were tampered with back in January included bulk baked goods, packaged cheeses, and juices sold in the produce section, the company said in a statement.

Online oversharers could have unexpected guests, site says

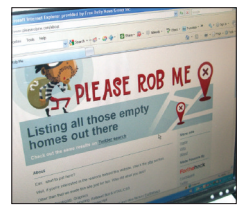
INTERNET Please rob me — I'm not home.

Sound dangerous? That's because it is, a city police expert says about a new social media site called www.pleaserobme.com that re-publishes other information from other social media sites.

The site takes user comments from sites such as Twitter and FourSquare where people often divulge far too much information about where they

are and what they are doing, and Calgary Const. Kathy MacDonald says the information can be dangerous. "It's good the website is brought to light because it allows policing agencies as well as the community a chance to become more aware about the issues," she said.

MacDonald said the problem begins when people volunteer too much information: "I think the lesson here is not to put that



A screenshot of www.pleaserobme.com.

information out onto the Internet in the first place." Network security analyst

Wil Knoll says the site is meant to merely mock and criticize other sites or users who give out too much information.

"All they did was put out information that is already out there. They aren't endorsing anyone to commit crimes," Knoll said, adding the website clearly outlines their intentions.

Staff at www.pleaserobme.com did not respond for comment.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

News in brief

PETS Dogs and their two-legged companions have a new southeast dog park to enjoy. The official opening for the new Auburn Bay off-leash dog park kicks off Saturday between 1:30 to 2 p.m. and Calgarians and their dogs are invited. For more information please call 311 or visit calgary.ca/parks.

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Rewards set for pet owners

Incentive program for licensing city pets begins in March

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Good record

• More than 90 per cent of dogs and 45 per cent of cats in the city are licensed, making Calgary a leader in North America.

You love your pets and the city loves responsible pet owners so a new city pet rewards program is a win-win situation for everyone, says the city's bylaw boss.

Starting in March, citizens who license their pets will receive an I Heart My Pet rewards card with their

renewal notices and will be eligible for additional rewards at 22 city businesses initially, bylaw director Bill Bruce announced Thursday.

"For Calgarians, this is an additional reward for being a licenced and responsible pet owner," Bill Bruce, bylaw director

nesses such as Ikea, Smitty's, Mr. Lube, RedMoon Custom Pet Food and more.

"There is no limit to the amount of times you can use it," Bruce added.

"For Calgarians, this is an additional reward for being a licenced and responsible pet owner."

Bill Bruce, bylaw director

Pet owner Dustin Victor says he thinks it's a good idea he would take advantage of.

"I feel that it's a great incentive for pet owners and hopefully it will encourage people's licensing of their pets," he said.

Pet owners can wait for their card to come in the mail or drop in to the Animal Services Centre or look online at www.iheart-mypet.ca.



Animal and Bylaw services director Bill Bruce holds a cat at the city's animal shelter Thursday after announcing a new I Heart My Pet rewards program for responsible pet owners.

Firefighters replace boy's lost video game system

RALLY ROUND Station No. 1 firefighters, led by near-two-year vet Ryan Vickers rallied to gather a console, parts and games to replace a video game system lost in an electrical incident at a northeast home Feb. 11.

After responding to smoke coming from an outlet where an 8-year-old boy plugged his PlayStation2, firefighters later determined faulty wiring shorted the console and the breaker.

Vickers decided he would help out by tracking down the PS2, finding parts and 20 games.

"They just got everything together on their own out of the kindness of their hearts and to do something nice for the family. The family was very surprised, and thankful," said Calgary firefighter spokesperson Stephen Nicholl.



METRO CALGARY

Birth stampede of li'l Albertans

BOOM Babies are booming, proof produced by another record-breaking year for births in Alberta.

Delivery rooms welcomed 51,443 new residents in 2009, compared to 2008, when 50,543 babies were born, and 2007, with 48,589.

Some unique monikers included Argyll, Bison, Boss, Chaos, Helix, Lightning, Morpheous, Thunder and Whip for boys; and Al-

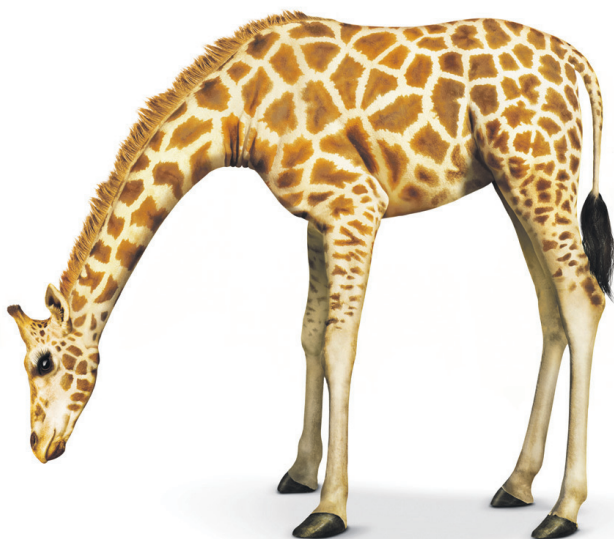
bertarose, Amazyn, Fyre, Infiniti, Peanut and Whysper for girls.

Of the 26,390 baby boys born to Alberta families, 355 were named Ethan. Of the 25,053 girls, 245 were named Olivia.

Ethan was the most popular boy's name for the ninth year in a row. Olivia shared the top spot with Ava in 2008.

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Feeling constrained?



Alternative LRT plan sought by aldermen in works, says Transit

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TRANSPORTATION Two city aldermen are looking for a study on alternative user payment options for LRT, but Calgary Transit already has millions earmarked for a similar program.

Aldermen Andre Chabot and Ric McIver will ask council this Monday to approve an administration study into the alternate methods of payment, including possible payment with smart cards, credit cards or prepaid cards, with the hope of increasing ridership and limiting fare evasion.

"Anything that would encourage increased trans-

"I'm basically drawing a line in the sand here with this motion saying, 'enough talk, let's just do it.'"

Andre Chabot, alderman

sit ridership, and discourage fare evasion would be a net positive for the city," said Chabot, adding that increasing LRT use falls in line with the new Plan-It Calgary development plan.

But, according to Calgary Transit's Theresa Keddy, the business unit already has \$7 million on the books for a proposed

alternative pay system.

Keddy said CT is putting together a request for proposals, and a pilot project would likely follow, with full rollout proposed for 2012. A variety of ideas have been explored, but a "smart card" or prepaid card has been considered.

"We have to consider so many things when something like this is put forward," Keddy said.

"It's isn't something that happens just overnight."

It's a line Chabot said he's heard for some time, and now he's looking for action on the file.

"I'm basically drawing a line in the sand here with this motion saying, 'enough talk, let's just do it.'" Chabot said.

News in brief

CLARIFICATION In Thursday's article titled, "Rental market safe despite mortgage change: Group" it was indicated that the five per cent downpayment option was no longer available for homeowners and was being replaced by a 20 per cent payment. The five per cent is still available, however homebuyers may have to qualify with a different term interest rate.

Metro regrets any confusion this may have caused.

INFLATION The province's inflation rate increased to 1.7 per cent in January due to higher gas prices, according to a Statistics Canada report released Thursday. Inflation rates were just 0.3 per cent in December, 2009 and rose to 1.7 per cent in January, due to higher prices at the pump and natural gas, the agency said.

TRIAL Two companies charged in relation to the death of 22-year-old worker Nathan Shair have pleaded not guilty to violations of Alberta's workplace safety laws. Shair was killed when he was struck by a piece of a mechanical horse brought in for the company's Stampede party in July 2007. The trial date has been set for Jan. 31, 2011.

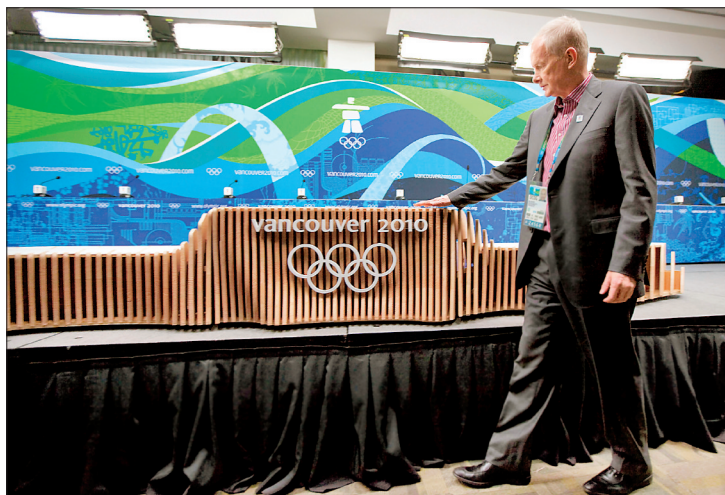
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Games security revamped after scare at opening ceremony

Vancouver Olympic officials say changes have been made after a mentally ill man breached security at the opening ceremonies last week. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Canada



Games boss John Furlong checks out the victory ceremony podium. There have been mistakes, he says, but criticism has been overblown.

Enough, already

Games boss is getting sick of the criticism

VANCOUVER

2010 Games

Give us a break, people. That's message from the head of the Vancouver Olympics.

John Furlong admits the 2010 Games have had their share of mistakes, but he thinks the criticism has been overblown.

"I've read some things that I didn't like reading and I don't believe it's true," Furlong, the CEO of the organizing committee, told reporters.

"But having said that, when we make mistakes and things don't go well,

"I've read some things that I didn't like reading and I don't believe it's true."

John Furlong

you have to fix them."

The media have pounced on glitches that have befallen the Games.

Scathing headlines and editorials have asked why the International Olympic Committee even gave the city the Olympics.

Writers have asked: How could Vancouver organizers be so badly prepared? Furlong's message is:

Please calm down.

When an ice-resurfacing machine failed at the Richmond speedskating oval, a new one was immediately brought in, said Furlong.

"The most important thing is that the field of play is perfect and that it continues to be perfect."

"So whatever decisions we have to make have to take priority over anything else."

It's about how the fires are being put out, he said, not how many there are.

"What we're trying to do on a daily basis is to take the day we're in and improve on it the day after."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Colonel in court via a video link

CRIME Col. Russell Williams, once the respected commander of the Canadian Forces base in Trenton, Ont., appeared in court via video to face first-degree murder charges Thursday. He was dressed in an orange jumpsuit. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Boomers a challenge, Page warns Ottawa

AGING Ottawa needs to face the harsh economic reality posed by Canada's aging population if it wants to avoid handing over massive, chronic deficits to future generations, Parliament's watchdog warns in a major report.

With an ever smaller percentage of the population working and paying taxes, the federal debt will keep increasing unless the government cuts spending or raises taxes, Kevin Page said on Thursday.

Acting to fix the problem within a few years will be relatively painless, amounting to finding about \$20 billion, Page said.

But waiting 10 years means the fix will cost close to \$30 billion and it will cost \$40 billion if reforms are put off for two decades.

"We do not have a fiscal structure to deal with aging demographics. You have to make changes," Page said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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A couple from a small town in northeast Saskatchewan are counting their blessings after winning \$20 million on a \$5 lottery ticket. Craig MacDonald says at first his wife, Lorna, didn't believe the Lotto 6-49 ticket they purchased at the Carrot River Pharmacy was a big winner. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Farewell to soldier John

Death of our last WW1 veteran, who ran away to war at 16

He was an unlikely and reluctant figurehead for a generation of heroes.

John Babcock, the last known veteran of Canada's First World War army, died Thursday at the age of 109.

He went in search of military glory at the age of 16, when he tried to sneak his way on to the front lines in France.

"I wanted to go to France because I was just a tin soldier," Babcock said in an interview in July 2007.

His ruse was discovered, however, and he never made it to the battlefield.

He was born July 23, 1900

"The passing of Mr. Babcock marks the end of an era. His family mourns the passing of a great man."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

in Ontario and emigrated to the U.S. in the 1920s.

"I volunteered (for the front lines), but they found out I was underage. If the war had lasted another year I would have fought."

Still, more than 80 years of hindsight had helped to temper that young man's regret over not having faced enemy fire in the trenches of France unlike

many of his friends, who never returned.

"I might have got killed," he said matter-of-factly.

Ten per cent of the roughly 600,000 Canadians who enlisted to fight in the First World War died on the battlefields of Europe — 170,000 more were wounded.

The war would ultimately claim 15 million civilian

and military lives on both sides of the conflict.

"(Babcock) was both an individual and a symbol," said Rudyard Griffiths, executive director of the Dominion Institute, an organization dedicated to promoting Canadian history. "We should honour his contribution to Canada."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, in a statement Thursday announcing Babcock's death, said: "The passing of Mr. Babcock marks the end of an era."

"His family mourns the passing of a great man."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

COMPOST There's more than one kind of Olympic gold in them thar hills. Whistler Village is turning mountains of garbage, and rivers of — well, let's just say gold and bronze — into black gold at its new, if rather malodorous, multimillion-dollar composting facility.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec on guard for migrants

NEW LAWS Quebec has announced a crackdown on shady immigration consultants.

Similar nationwide action is expected from the federal government.

The announcement vaults Quebec to the fore-

front of the battle against businesses that mislead newcomers into thinking they can be fast-tracked into Canada, or encourage them to lie on their applications.

To have a right to practise in the province, con-

sultants will now need to pass a test, demonstrate a knowledge of French, have a career track record free of malpractice, and register with the Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants.

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Comment

Looking back at 1988

Are the Vancouver Games really that big of a deal?



Michael Morrison
In Defence of ...

Can you believe we are already one week into the 2010 Winter Olympics?

While die-hard fans in Vancouver are rain-soaked and probably spending too much money on Japadogs and umbrellas, many Calgarians are safe, dry and comfortably watching the Games from their couches. Although part of me revelled at the idea of eating a wasabi dog whilst watching the torch relay, now I wonder — are the Vancouver Games really that big of a deal?

After all, haven't Calgari-

ans already celebrated the Olympics? Why should we do it all over again? Sure, those Games were 22 years ago, but all you need is a chatty person in line at a

grocery store to get an earful about how great our Games were.

Seriously though, it's not uncommon to hear things like, "My daughter's friend had a teacher whose neighbour once worked with this guy whose cousin's roommate worked at a medal ceremony. Actually, he worked across the street, but he saw people lining up to watch. That counts, right?"

Facts

- Calgary sought to re-host the 2010 Winter Games, while Quebec City also wanted the bid.
- Vancouver's Olympic operational budget is estimated to be \$1.76 billion.

Since the Olympics, our city's population has boomed to who knows how many times it's "Olympic" size — but all it takes is a story like this to remind people like myself that they didn't have to live here to enjoy the '88 Games — strangers will just simply take us back, over and over again.

After all, it was a different time back then. The new C-train was inefficient in inclement weather, the Deerfoot was one of Canada's deadliest roads, and our mayor was drastically out of touch. Like I said, a completely different time

... Sure, us "result-of-the-boom" Calgarians don't have the now-vintage Sun Ice coats or a box of collector pins, but go to any sporting event and you will still see someone wearing something from just more than two decades ago. It makes me wish I could wear my stonewashed jeans without judgment.

So Vancouver can have its Games. It can have the overpriced merchandise, the rain, the deluge of glitches — it can even have its corny mascots.

Because as long as we still have our beloved Hidy and Howdy, nothing else seems to matter.

Michael Morrison writes daily about all things Canadian entertainment on the award-winning Mike's Bloggity Blog.



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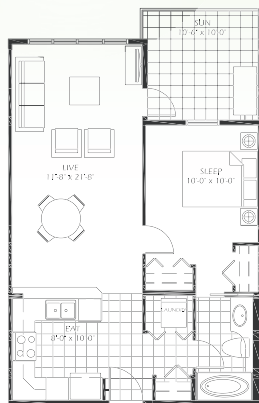


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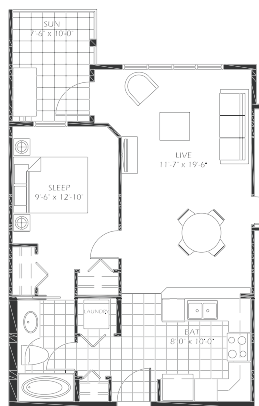


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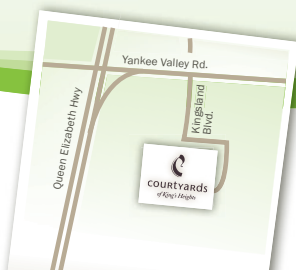
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New York City's former top cop sentenced to jail

Former New York City police commissioner Bernard Kerik was sentenced to four years
behind bars Thursday for eight felonies. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World

Small plane flown into Texas building

A software engineer furious with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service plowed his small plane into an Austin, Texas, office building housing nearly 200 federal tax employees on Thursday, officials said.

It set off a raging fire that sent workers fleeing as thick plumes of black smoke poured into the air.

An official identified the pilot as Joseph Stack — whose home was set on fire just before the crash — and said investigators were looking at an anti-government message on the web linked to him.

The website outlines problems with the IRS and says violence "is the only answer."

Officials have said they



Smoke billows from a seven-storey building after a small plane crashed into it in Austin, Texas, on Thursday.

were investigating whether the pilot, who is presumed to have died in the crash, slammed into the Austin building on purpose in an effort to blow up IRS offices.

Crews found two bodies in the building Thursday

night and another two people were hospitalized.

After the plane crashed into the building, flames shot out, windows exploded and workers scrambled to safety.

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French mayor files legal complaint against fast food chain

The mayor of Roubaix says the Quick burger chain's halal menu is discriminatory against non-Muslim customers. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Haitians seek cover

Haiti Crisis

A heavy downpour sent the throngs living beside Haiti's shattered national palace cowering under tarps early Thursday as the rush of water made much of the camp of earthquake victims impassable — an ominous foretaste of the rainy season to come.

Amputees struggled to move through mud on crutches and wheelchairs.

Many in the makeshift tent cities housing nearly 600,000 people in Haiti's capital still live without even plastic tarps, which

the international community is trying to get to everyone by May 1.

So when the rain comes, bed sheets spread on sticks as protection from the sun quickly get soaked and people move in temporarily with neighbours who have waterproof tents.

"It's hard to keep my kids clean. There's too much rain, too much dirt," said Joseph Dukens, 25, at the camp beside the national palace.

He pointed to his baby daughter, who had her leg amputated below her hip. "It's only going to get worse."

Governments and aid

"It's only going to get worse."

Joseph Dukens

groups have been wrangling for five weeks over how to house earthquake survivors, but neither the weather nor the people are waiting.

Makeshift camps have hardened into shantytowns, adding a new dimension to the capital's teeming slum life with an extra helping of disease, hunger and misery brought on by the Jan. 12 disaster.

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Soldiers storm Nigerian palace

COUPS? Renegade soldiers in armoured vehicles stormed Niger's presidential palace with a hail of gunfire during broad daylight Thursday in an apparent coup attempt in the uranium-rich West African nation.

Military music played on state radio later in the evening — the same music that aired after two previ-

ous coups in the late 1990s — and the strongman president's whereabouts was unknown. Government officials could not be reached for comment.

Traore Amadou, a local journalist who was in the presidency when the shooting began, said President Mamadou Tandja was kidnapped. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

News in brief

RIGHTS Lawyer Antoine F. Goetschel feels uncomfortable talking about one of his recent clients. And it isn't just because he lost the case. "Fish don't get much sympathy," he explains. That's doubly true for the unnamed dead pike whose cause Goetschel took up earlier this month. Goetschel is Europe's only animal lawyer.

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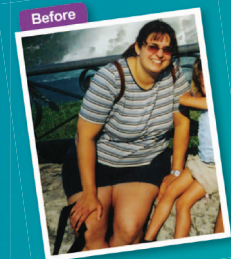
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Ex-student held in fatal school attack

Teacher stabbed at school in southern Germany: Official

A 23-year-old man is being held on charges he stabbed a teacher to death Thursday at his former school in southern Germany, and told authorities he was angry about bad grades, a prosecutor said.

The suspect, whose name was not released in line with German privacy laws, was arrested on the school campus in Ludwigshafen and is being held on suspicion of murder, prosecutor Lothar Liebigsaid at a press conference.

The 58-year-old victim, the suspect's former teacher, died from at least one fatal stab after a fight, despite efforts to administer first aid, Liebigsaid.

The suspect entered the

vocational high school, which has around 3,200 students, at around 10 a.m. armed with a knife as well as a starter pistol, he said.

After confronting the former teacher the two fought and the teacher was stabbed, Liebigsaid. The suspect then went into another school building, fired several blank shots from the starter pistol, and lit a flare, he said.

The fire triggered an alarm, prompting the evacuation of the school and bringing authorities to the campus, Liebigsaid.

The suspect lay down his weapons when confronted by police and was arrested without incident, police chief investigator Franz Leidecker said.

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Bogota Still breathing



A man wearing a skull costume breathes through an oxygen mask during a protest against a package of government's decrees for the health sector in Bogota, Colombia on Thursday.

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Dubai killing recalls spy force's shadowy history

MIDDLE EAST Israel's Mossad spy agency — the prime suspect in the assassination of Hamas operative Mahmoud al-Mabhouh last month in Dubai — has known both triumph and embarrassment in decades of covert warfare, and the latest episode would appear to include elements of each.

The killers, whoever they are, escaped. But they were caught on video and left what appears to be significant evidence: A Dubai police force that proved competent perhaps beyond the agents' expectations found that at least seven of them used the names of real Israelis with European passports.

The Mossad is suspected of several violent incidents in recent years, such as the killing of a top Hezbollah officer in the heart of Damascus in 2008. But its reputation — particularly in the Arab world where it is often seen as an ominous force behind unexplained events — goes back decades.

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News in brief

BABY THROWING A man pleaded not guilty Thursday after police say he told them he threw his three-month-old daughter off a bridge, as searchers and relatives held out hope that the infant might still be found alive. Shamsid-

Din Abdur-Raheem, 21, appeared composed during his arraignment in New Jersey via video link from jail.

ZEBRA An Atlanta highway turned into a circus Thursday afternoon when an escaped zebra galloped along a busy

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Inflation up to 1.9%

Gas, transportation costs drive numbers up

Canada's inflation rate shot up to attention-grabbing levels last month as higher prices for cars, gas and vehicle insurance pushed the consumer price index to a 14-month high.

All the inflation indicators rose in January: The overall consumer price index jumped by more than half-a-point to 1.9 per cent; the Bank of Canada's core index hit two per cent; and the month-to-month index increased 0.3 per cent.

January's increase means

Inflation rates

1.4% Calgary
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the annual rate has gone from minus 0.9 per cent to a positive 1.9 per cent in four months.

Scotia Capital economist Derek Holt said the "sticki-

ness" of underlying core inflation may cause Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney to consider moving off his conditional commitment to keep interest rates at historic lows until July. What will be worrying Carney is that prices didn't drop as much as expected during the crisis last year and may now outpace expectations during the recovery, Holt said.

"The bank has pretty much all the rationale to hike now," Holt said.

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Printer faces digital age

MARKETING Transcontinental (TSX:TCL.A) says the print medium isn't dying, even though digital media is forcing Canada's largest printer to adjust to rapid transformation in the communications and advertising business.

"We see print and the new media co-existing for a very, very long time," chief executive Francois Olivier said in an interview yesterday following the company's annual shareholders meeting.

The Montreal-based company said that the printing, newspaper publishing and marketing firm will continue to evolve to meet the changing needs of customers. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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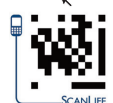
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partnership has been approved by the U.S. Justice Department and the European Commission. Under the agreement, Microsoft's Bing search engine will steer search-related ads on Yahoo. Yahoo is due to get 88 per cent of the revenue

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Mortgage rules change game

Will affect some home buyers

Some Canadians in expensive real estate markets may have to change their game plans for buying a first home because of new rules announced this week by the federal government.

While the changes are unlikely to be a deterrent for most Canadians, it could make it harder for those on the fringes to qualify for mortgages, industry observers say.

"You'll have the odd marginal purchaser who might be affected by this, but I think that these are reasonable ways to keep spending in check," says Dale Ripplinger, president of the Canadian Real Estate Association and a realtor in Regina.

The changes are designed to prevent Canadians from taking on too

much debt ahead of expected interest rate increases later this year. It's a situation that contributed to the housing crisis in the United States.

"If you can't qualify for a five-year fixed (mortgage) in terms of your total debt servicing, then maybe you shouldn't be buying a house to begin with," says Jim Murphy the Canadian Association of Accredited Mortgage Professionals.

As of April 19, all borrowers must meet the requirements of five-year fixed-rate mortgages, even if they opt for lower variable rates.

The change would raise the income required to purchase a house, but not necessarily monthly payments.

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Toyota may testify in U.S.

RECALL A congressional committee has asked Toyota president Akio Toyoda to testify at its hearing next week on the automaker's recalls.

Toyoda is the grandson of the Japanese automaker's founder. He has said he wasn't planning to attend the hearings, but would consider appearing before Congress if invited.

The Toyota executive has faced calls by some law-

makers to testify about safety problems connected to the recall of 8.5 million vehicles globally.

His appearance would raise the profile of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Hearing, scheduled for Wednesday. Toyoda has said he was planning to travel to the U.S. soon to meet with company workers and dealers.

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Former Formula One driver Takuma Sato has joined the IndyCar series for the 2010 season. Sato will drive for KV Racing Technology and will join fellow Japanese driver Hideki Mutoh on the 17-race IndyCar series. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports



Santana feels confident

New York Mets ace Johan Santana, left, is feeling confident about his rebuilt left elbow and his team. Santana, who reported to spring training Thursday, says he feels fine throwing all of his pitches. Santana had elbow surgery late last season. The two-time Cy Young winner began throwing off a mound during a minicamp last month.

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Raptors stand pat at trade deadline

NBA Toronto Raptors GM Bryan Colangelo opted not to make a move by the 3 p.m. ET cut-off, leaving his resurgent team untouched, and allowing the speculation to circle around forward Chris Bosh, who is set to become a free agent this summer.

"Right now, I think Chris is playing very good basketball, and he's a big part of this team," Raptors coach Jay Triano said after Thursday's practice. "My job is to make him want to stay, because we're going to be pretty darn good."

Bosh, who just returned

from his fifth-straight appearance at the NBA's all-star game, will be part of an eye-popping crop of free agents that includes Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James and Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade.

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What will Tiger say?

Anticipation runs high for golfer's statement

When Tiger Woods makes his first public appearance in nearly three months Friday, the big question is what will he say?

The topic was intriguing Americans — Woods was a trendy subject on Twitter a full day before his appearance.

Almost as intriguing is which "friends, colleagues and close associates" will be in the Sunset Room on the second floor of the Mediterranean-style clubhouse at the TPC Sawgrass.

Woods hasn't been seen in public since crashing his car into a tree outside his Florida home Nov. 27, sparking sordid revelations of infidelity, and he hasn't been heard in the 78 days since a magazine released a voice mail that he allegedly left for one of the women to whom he has been romantically linked, pleading with her to remove his number from her cellphone.

U.S. PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem, who made the clubhouse available and was offering logistical help, has said he would attend, and as many as four other members of



A British bookmaker has set the odds at 4-to-7 that Tiger Woods' wife, Elin, will be by his side during Friday's appearance.

his executive staff will be in the room.

Woods is to return to therapy after he speaks, according to a letter from Finchem that was obtained by The Associated Press.

A British bookmaker has set odds at 4-to-7 that Woods' wife, Elin, will be with him. William Hill didn't stop there, however. It offers 8-to-1 odds that Woods will announce he is getting a divorce, 12-to-1 odds that his wife is pregnant and 100-to-1 odds

that he is retiring.

"While Tiger feels that what happened is fundamentally a matter between he and his wife, he also recognizes that he has hurt and let down a lot of other people who were close to him," his agent, Mark Steinberg, said in an email Wednesday.

"He also let down his fans. He wants to begin the process of making amends and that's what he's going to discuss."

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Israel's Peer succeeding at Dubai Championships

Shahar Peer is proving unstoppable at the Dubai Championships one year after the Israeli was denied a chance to play in the tournament. Peer beat a seeded player for the third time in four matches and advanced to the semifinals with a 7-5, 3-0 win over No. 8 seed and Australian Open semifinalist Li Na. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Remaining top four seeds beaten in Match Play

GOLF The often-unpredictable Match Play Championship more than lived up to its reputation in a topsy-turvy second round when the remaining top four seeds and defending champion were beaten at Dove Mountain Thursday.

An event already minus Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson sent several of the world's best to an early exit.

Lee Westwood, Jim Furyk, Martin Kaymer and Rory McIlroy — seeded second through fifth entering the tournament — were among the day's losers.

Defending champion Geoff Ogilvy was beaten by Colombian Camilo Villegas 2 and 1. Top-seeded Steve Stricker lost in Wednesday's first round.

The highest remaining seed was England's Paul Casey at No. 6. Casey, the runner-up a year ago who won the World Match Play Championship in England in 2006, swiftly dispatched Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., 5 and 4.

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Knicks acquire T-Mac

Stoudemire stays in Phoenix as deadline passes

The Cleveland Cavaliers hope they took another step toward keeping LeBron James. The New York Knicks are in better position for a run at him — and a second superstar, too.

And they aren't the only team lining up for a chance to become a summer spender.

The Knicks acquired former scoring champion Tracy McGrady Thursday in a three-team swap with the Houston Rockets and the Sacramento Kings. The deal left them on the verge of being able to offer two maximum salary contracts to the 2010 free agent class that could be headlined by James.

Amare Stoudemire could be in the market for one if he decides to leave Phoenix — where he will again finish the season after spending the weeks before the deadline atop the trade rumour mill.

"I've maintained that unless there was something out

there that improved our team and put us in a lot better position moving forward, then we weren't going to do anything. And that was the case," Suns general manager Steve Kerr said.

Chicago, Washington and Sacramento all cleared enough salary in moves before the 1 p.m. MT deadline to be able to afford a max player, and the Los Angeles Clippers got close.

The Cavaliers gave James more reason to stay home. They acquired forward Antawn Jamison



Wednesday, a deal that could make the Eastern Conference leaders even stronger.

"We're trying to build a franchise that all players want to be a part of, that can have sustainable success and do things at a high level," general manager Danny Ferry said. "Clearly, LeBron's an important player for northeast Ohio, for Cleveland, for the Cavaliers. It's all ground in winning, too. Antawn can help us win. We're excited what he can bring to us over the next few years."

The Knicks can afford James and perhaps someone else in the class that could include Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh.

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Sports in brief

FREE AGENTS Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers, Buffalo wide receiver Terrell Owens and New Orleans safety Darren Sharper are among 235 NFL players scheduled to become unrestricted free agents next month. A complete list of players with at least six seasons in the league and contracts due to expire was posted Thursday by the NFL on NFLLabor.com.

BASKETBALL The New Jersey Nets have reached a deal with the state to move their regular-

season games to Newark's Prudential Center for two years until their arena is built in Brooklyn. Under the deal, the Nets will pay a \$4-million US penalty over two years to get out of their lease at the Izod Center in the Meadowlands.

BASEBALL Infielder Erick Aybar and the Los Angeles Angels agreed Thursday to a \$2.05-million US, one-year contract that avoided a salary arbitration hearing.

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Martin wins again
Canada's Kevin Martin has won his fourth straight game and is sitting atop the curling standings at the 2010 Winter Olympics. Martin's rink defeated France 12-5 in evening action on Thursday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Vancouver Games

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Swiss near miss for Team Canada

Shootout win helps Canadians avoid repeat of 2006 upset by Switzerland

Sidney Crosby scored in a shootout as Canada eked out a 3-2 victory over Switzerland Thursday at the Winter Olympics in a game that evoked scary memories of the Swiss upset win four years ago in Turin.

Canada was stymied for much of the game by Jonas Hiller in the Swiss goal. Martin Brodeur stopped all four Swiss shooters while Crosby scored on Canada's fourth shot to secure the win before a sea of red-and-white clad Canadian fans at Canada Hockey House.

"I looked forward to that chance and am glad I made the most of it," Crosby said of scoring the shootout winner.

It was the fourth anniversary of Canada's agonizing 2-0 loss at the 2006 Games when they were stoned by goalie Martin Gerber, who missed these Games with an injury.

This time, it was Hiller



Canada's Patrick Marleau attempts to tip a shot past Switzerland goalie Jonas Hiller in first-period action at Canada Hockey Place Thursday night. Canada won 3-2 in a shootout.

who frustrated Canada's collection of NHL stars. The Canadians outshot the Swiss 46-23 in regulation time and overtime.

"It was one of those nights where he was focused and in the zone," Crosby said of Hiller.

Dany Heatley and Patrick

Marleau scored for Canada while Ivo Rutheman and Patrick von Gunten replied for Switzerland in regulation time.

Bettman

• NHL commissioner Gary Bettman insists there's still plenty of time for an agreement to be reached on further Olympic participation and says his sole focus now is on the tournament currently underway in Vancouver.

The Swiss have only two NHL players, captain Mark Streit and Hiller, but they battled even up for most of the game and gave Canada a scare.

"It was one of the best games I've ever seen from the Swiss national team," Hiller said.

Olympic rules give three points for a win and only two for a win in overtime or a shootout, so Canada has five points from two games, one behind the United States, who improved to 2-0-0 with a 6-1 win over Norway. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Chan fifth as U.S. skater wins gold in figure skating

KRISTEN THOMPSON
Metro Canada

SKATING Fifth place — not the outcome first-time Olympian Patrick Chan nor Canada was expecting.

The 19-year-old was one of the country's top medal hopefuls but placed a disappointing seventh after a rocky short program on Tuesday, and despite redeeming himself on his long program Thursday, failed to catch up to his competitors.

The bigger story to come out of the Pacific Coliseum on Thursday night, however, was American skater Evan Lysacek stealing gold from defending champion, Russian Evgeni Plushenko — who was favoured to win.

In a surprising upset, Plushenko — who skated last — only scored enough points to put him in second place.

Japan's Daisuke Takahashi took home bronze.

As for Chan, the fifth-place finish is an improvement from seventh, where he was sitting before heading into the long program.

He had a fall halfway through his routine and looked disappointed as he skated toward his coaches, but still managed to score an impressive 160.3 points from the judges.

That placed him in first with seven skaters left, but to hang on to a podium spot, the skaters ahead of him needed to make some epic blunders and as much as Canadians likely prayed for that, it wasn't in the cards.

With earbuds in, snowboarders call the tunes

PLAYLISTS The crowd erupts as the announcer belts your name and rock 'n' roll echoes from below.

Sounds like the perfect atmosphere to pump up an

Olympic athlete, right?

Not on the halfpipe, where snowboarders are rocking out to their own beat.

"It kind of blocks out all

the peripherals and when the crowd's down (there) roaring, I'll be listening to like Drop the World by Lil Wayne or something like that," said Canadian Jeff

Batchelor, who cranks up his iPod during training and competition.

"I have a pretty killer playlist that I just sort of let run through, but four minutes before my run I like to throw on the Cops theme song Bad Boys."

Rules allow halfpipe riders to listen to their own music at events, including the Olympics, and many are wired for sound when as they drop into the pipe. Batchelor's current staples include Eminem, Avenged Sevenfold, Jay Z and songs from the video game Rock Band.

Some listen to fire themselves up, while others try to block out the venue's sound system, which continuously blasts music at the base of the pipe, even during an Olympic event.

But not every rider wears headphones when they sail down the halfpipe.

Justin Lamoureux, who finished seventh in Wednesday's Olympic halfpipe final, never listens to tunes during competition.

"I was just getting the energy from the crowd," he said after the event.

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What to watch today

TV Highlights

10 a.m.: Women's curling

China vs. Denmark (Sportsnet).

12:30 p.m.: Alpine skiing

Men's super-G gold medal (CTV, TSN).

1 p.m.: Men's hockey
Belarus vs. Sweden (Sportsnet).

2 p.m.: Cross-country skiing

Women's 15 km pursuit gold medal (OLN).

3 p.m.: Men's curling
Denmark vs. Canada (TSN).

4:45 p.m.: Skeleton
Men's and women's gold medals (OLN).

5:30 p.m.: Men's hockey
Czech Republic vs. Latvia (Sportsnet).

6 p.m.: Figure skating
Ice dance, compulsory dance (TSN).

8 p.m.: Women's curling
Denmark vs. Canada (Sportsnet).

10 p.m.: Men's hockey
Finland vs. Germany (CTV).

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Austria	1	2	2	5
Switzerland	3	0	1	4
China	2	1	1	4
Italy	0	1	3	4
Sweden	2	0	1	3
Netherlands	1	1	1	3
Russia	1	1	1	3

Swiss bobsledder OK

Switzerland's Beat Hefti, the top-ranked two-man bobsled driver in the world, is reported OK after slamming his head in a pre-Olympic training crash at the Whistler Sliding Centre. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Vancouver Games

Christine Nesbitt raced to a gold medal in women's 1,000 metre long-track on Thursday.

'It wasn't pretty,' but it is a gold

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada

For someone who had just gutted out a sensational come-from-behind finish to capture Canada's third gold by only the squeakiest of margins, speed skater Christine Nesbitt is pretty darn hard on herself.

"It wasn't pretty," said Nesbitt, who beat Dutch silver medalist Annette Gerritsen by the razor-thin edge of her skate in the women's 1,000-metre long track in Richmond Thursday.

She won the race by a mere 0.02 of a second and was visibly disappointed as she glanced at her time on the scoreboard.

She said she didn't think her time would stand through the final pairing and said afterwards that she, "didn't

come to the Games to win bronze."

Nesbitt's scathing and unflinching self critique — "I love criticizing myself," she admitted — has transformed the 24-year-old from London, Ont., into the fastest 1,000m skater in the world.

Nesbitt has won all four World Cups this year in the 1,000m and held the fastest personal time among the skaters.

She was the odds-on favourite, but succumbed to jitters at the start of the race in front of the loud hometown crowd.

"I was really nervous," Nesbitt said.

"When the gun went off, instead of skating, I just kind of panicked."

Nesbitt slipped on her second or third step and immediately fell out of rhythm.

She was leading her pair at the 200-metre mark,

but quickly realized she was off-pace.

"I knew I wasn't skating very well and I felt, with a lap to go, that the crowd went silent, or went a little bit quieter when they saw how far behind I was."

It was then, however, that the long hours of training and preparing mentally took over.

She drove from about 10th position at the 600-metre mark to finish first. The crowd erupted when she crossed the finish.

Kristina Groves, who captured a bronze in Sunday's 3,000-metre, finished the race fourth, missing the podium by 0.06 of a second, behind Dutch bronze-medalist Laurine van Riessen.

"That's what it is," said Groves.

"I was lucky the other way the other day: 0.03 to get the bronze. That's the way it goes."

No reason for ski team to panic ... yet

WHISTLER It may be too early to panic over the Canadian ski team's dwindling chances of winning three Olympic medals, but a worried finger is hovering over the button.

No one wearing a Maple Leaf waved from the podium after the women's super-combined event Thursday.

It's the third race of the Games where Canadian skiers came away empty-handed.

"If we don't have any medals after the super-Gs I'm going to get a little worried."

Max Gartner,
Alpine Canada

The men's super-giant slalom Friday will be the next chance for a Canadian to win the country's first Olympic ski medal in

16 years.

The women's super-G is Saturday.

"The super-Gs are two big races," said Max Gartner, Alpine Canada's chief athletics officer. "If we don't have any medals after the super-Gs I'm going to get a little worried."

"We knew it was going to be a tough competition. I think we still have some chances. I'm going to remain optimistic."

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The Olympic spirit embodied

Field of Play

Scott Russell

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All this talk of "Owning the Podium" is a distraction from what's really happening at the Olympics.

Yes, the fascination with winning is healthy and something to be expected for fans of home country athletes.

But failing to recognize the performances of those who haven't claimed a medal is something to be avoided.

There is, after all, a lot to be said for the struggle and the integrity of the Olympic journey in spite of the fact that it doesn't always culminate with gold, silver or bronze.

A case in point is the experience of three Canadian women who raced in luge at Whistler.

No medals, no prizes to carry home and next to no appreciation of their efforts. Heck, they couldn't even get on TV after the race was over — dropped from the lineup so hockey analysts could breakdown the ins

and outs of a Canadian dismantling of Norwegians in a preliminary match.

It is understandable given our obsession with the hunt for hockey gold.

Still, to dismiss the contributions of Regan Lauscher, Meaghan Simister and Alex Gough — athletes who persevered in spite of tragedy and major alterations to the field of play — seems less than Canadian.

Listen to what these three women had to say when their Olympic moment was over.

"It was the race of my life," said Meaghan Simister of Regina.

"It's the Olympics and you have to take what comes," said Alex Gough of Calgary, as she consid-

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ered the aftermath of a Georgian slider's death, which tainted the competition.

"The greatest advice we get is to expect the unexpected. This was about rising to the challenge and coming through it."

The last word belonged to Regan Lauscher of Red Deer, her third and last Olympic appearance behind her. There were no regrets at not having ascended the podium, but rather another sentiment vastly more important.

"Complete and total gratitude," Lauscher said. "I feel extremely privileged to be Canadian and a Canadian athlete. It's been an opportunity that I never could have dreamed of in a sport I wasn't sure I wanted to do. Walking away from this with the experiences and friendships and all that I've had ... will be etched in my heart forever."

It wasn't about Owning the Podium for these wise athletes. It was about racing with purpose and dignity.

These are the most important things to possess at any Olympic Games.



Regan Lauscher

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Mia Wasikowska says she was feeling very "bizarre" while filming Tim Burton's take on Alice In Wonderland. See inside for more.

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Through the rabbit hole in 3-D

Life gets curiouser and curiouser for Alice actress

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



Australian Mia Wasikowska might not be particularly well known now, but that's all about to change.

The actress was the surprise choice to play the titular Alice in Wonderland in the upcoming 3-D adaptation by director Tim Burton.

That's a pretty iconic character and giant film to take on for a 19-year-old with little blockbuster experience, but an opportunity that Wasikowska couldn't resist.

"There's a certain amount of pressure that comes with playing a character who is beloved by so many generations," Wasikowska admitted to Metro. "But you just have to keep in mind that you can't really please everyone. It was really im-

Movie feature

portant to remember that we were making our version of Alice and to stick with our version. That's something that Tim and I started talking about very early on."

Tim Burton has taken a slightly different approach to the material than expected and Wasikowska promises that audiences will get a new interpretation of Lewis Carroll's classic world and characters.

"Alice is 19 in our story, so she's a very different person than she was when she was seven," revealed Wasikowska. "She comes back to



Alice in Wonderland director Tim Burton explains his vision to Mia Wasikowska, who plays the title character in the upcoming re-imagining of the popular book.

Alice in Wonderland opens March 5

Wonderland without any recollection of the previous visit at that age when young women all of a sudden face new expectations from their family and society. So this movie is about trying to hold onto yourself amongst that and trying to

figure out the balance between pleasing others and pleasing yourself."

Sounds just like the sort of tale of outsiders fighting for individuality that we've come to expect from Burton in films like Edward Scissorhands and Ed Wood.

To achieve the strange al-

most living cartoon visual design that Burton was striving for, practically all of the film was shot on a green screen with most of the sets and even some characters animated with computers later.

It was a filmmaking experience unlike anything

Wasikowska had done before and one she admits to finding quite odd.

"It was bizarre to shoot in that kind of environment. But I think it worked for this project because it really emulated what I think it's like to be in Wonderland."

The movie will inevitably be a career-changing project for Wasikowska who has quickly gone from an up-and-comer to an actress whose likeness is plastered on billboards and children's toys.

"It's almost like it's not me. Obviously it is, but even when I look at the poster I feel like I'm looking at someone else completely out of context." Sounds a little bit like going through the looking glass, doesn't it?

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Avatar director James Cameron says his planned book based on the box office hit will not be a novelization, but a "big, epic story that fills in a lot of things." **IMDB.COM**

**Reel Time**

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A-class touch in B-movie

Shutter Island

Director: Martin Scorsese
Stars: Leonardo DiCaprio, Ben Kingsley, Mark Ruffalo
Classification: 14A
Rating: ****

PHIL BROWN
 for Metro Canada



For years, Martin Scorsese has admitted his desire to have worked in old Hollywood; when directors were hired hands who nimbly changed subjects and genres from film to film.

Shutter Island sees the director slipping into this mode, taking on a thriller with all the familiar trappings of the genre. While the movie does provide the requisite suspense and entertainment, Scorsese also

adds his distinct touch to the project, making this B-movie veer dangerously close to becoming an A picture.

If he weren't such a talented personal filmmaker, this guy would be one hell of a journeyman director.

Shutter Island stars Leonardo DiCaprio in his fourth consecutive collaboration with Scorsese.

Despite a wonky accent, it's one of DiCaprio's finest hours as an actor, even though multiple viewings are necessary to appreciate all the levels of his performance.

He plays a troubled detective assigned to finding a missing patient in a secluded mental institution. As is always the case in these movies, nothing is as it seems.

The initially helpful hospital staff lead by Ben



Leonardo DiCaprio, left, and Ben Kingsley star in Martin Scorsese's thriller Shutter Island.

Kingsley becomes increasingly suspicious as DiCaprio's recurring nightmares start manifesting themselves in the daytime. It all builds towards a big twist that is easy to predict, but one that carries a surprising emotional weight and context that's not quite so easy to see coming.

Scorsese clearly had a ball slumming it with this genre outing. The movie is filled with loving references to films of the past and impeccably constructed cinematic set pieces.

It's a movie that demands multiple viewings as the first round will play like classy genre fun with a

devastating kick in the pants, while the second viewing will feel more like a tragedy.

Whether or not audiences will devote that much time to what seems like little more than fleeting entertainment remains to be seen, but Scorsese is not filmmaker interested

in cheap thrills.

Shutter Island is certainly not the director's best work, but it does prove that he is incapable of making a movie without the thought and care of a master.

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Oren Moverman, Oscar-nominated writer-director of *The Messenger*, is staying in downbeat land for his next movie — he's in talks to write and direct Universal/Working Title's untitled Kurt Cobain biopic. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Messenger director up for Cobain pic

Kevin shoots for 'real' on Cop job

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

He may have made nine movies to date, but filmmaker Kevin Smith considers his latest comedy to be his first "real" directing job.

"I'm not a filmmaker," insisted Smith. "I'm a guy who rips open his chest, pulls out fatty chunks of his heart, puts it on a platter, projects it and goes, 'You get it?'"

Not only has that vulnerability earned the New Jersey writer/director a dedicated following since his debut with *Clerks* but after the disappointing release of 2008's *Zack and Miri Make a Porno*, it nearly left him devastated.

"I thought I was dead," said Smith regarding the film's sluggish opening. "I thought that either internet (fans) or Canada would take a hit out on me for ru-



Bruce Willis, left, and director Kevin Smith at work on the set of *Cop Out*.

Cop Out opens next Friday

ining Seth Rogen's career. Mercifully, by the end of the weekend we were able to get up to a \$10 million opening but even that was anemic ... I was like 'I give up.'"

In the aftermath, Smith retreated and took up an interest in hockey (he now loves the Edmonton Oilers) which he acknowledges led him "to salvation in some weird way."

Further bolstered by two sold-out speaking engage-

ments in Toronto, Smith realized that he needed to step away from his own scripts and re-establish a new niche in Hollywood. Kismet or coincidence, he soon got the offer to direct *Cop Out* — a Bruce Willis/Tracy Morgan buddy

comedy written by Robb and Mark Cullen.

"It's so weird to take such a long journey just to get to the middle," said Smith. "Like I wanted to do something which in one way or another could be defined as average. I was used to tear-

"I'm not a filmmaker. I'm a guy who rips open his chest, pulls out fatty chunks of his heart, puts it on a platter, projects it and goes, 'You get it?'"

Kevin Smith

ing my heart out, bleeding and putting it into art and this was not that. This was just let's make a movie. Wouldn't it be fun to make a movie?

As it turns out it was fun. And although Smith will soon return to directing his own script (a hockey movie no less!), the roller-coaster experience has left him feeling refreshed.

"I could see where some person could get lost in this," said Smith. "(With) making other people's movies, there's no chance for heartbreak. Whatever happens to *Cop Out* now, I know that I did the best job I possibly could."

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Reel Time



Woody Harrelson gets delusional in Defendor.

Defendor's got spunk

Defendor

Director: Peter Stebbings

Stars: Woody Harrelson, Kat Dennings

Classification: STC

Rating: GPGPG

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada



In Defendor, Woody Harrelson plays a man whose rich inner life spills out into his real life. By day he is dead-end-job-Arthur, but by night he is Defendor, a masked superhero do-gooder. His task? To clean up the streets of Hamilton, Ont. It sounds like the kind of thing we've seen before, but Canadian actor-turned-director Peter Stebbings puts a unique spin on Arthur's story.

His goal is to infiltrate the lair of Captain Industry, the crime king-pin Defendor believes to be responsible for all of Hammer Town's civic woes.

On his journey he befriends a drug addict with a heart of gold (Kat Dennings) and battles a corrupt cop (Elias Koteas).

On paper Woody Harrelson's role looks unpromising.

He's a disillusioned man with mental health issues who sinks into a fantasy world to help deal with the

pain of a troubled past.

We've seen this before, but Harrelson's mix of sincerity and pathos in the reading of the character breathes life into a role that could easily have fallen into cliché.

He's aided by a script—written by Stebbings—which gives him room to firmly establish the character, both as a superhero who believes guns are for cowards and as a real person who is tormented by his mother's descent into a world of prostitution and drug abuse.

It's a solid performance that provides an anchor for the entire movie.

Gritty and very funny, Defendor is a hard movie to categorize. It's not exactly a comedy, nor is it a crime drama.

It's somewhere in between. I'm not sure if that indefinable quality will make this a harder sell at the box office or not — people like to pigeonhole their movies — but for those willing to be go along for the ride, the movie is an enjoyably genre busting good time.

Like its main character Defendor is a bit delusional — it's a low budget superhero flick going up against the Spidermans and Iron Men of the world — but like its main character I like its spunk.

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Reel Time

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Helen Mirren on the *The Last Station* platform

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Metro World News



Oscar-winning actress Helen Mirren takes on another towering historical figure in *The Last Station*, playing *Sofya Tolstoy*, the fiery wife of the great Russian author at odds with his philosophies and disciples.

Q How do you make a character as melodramatic as *Sofya* sympathetic?

A Because she's a drama queen, you could alienate the audience really fast. You don't want the audience to necessarily like or love her, but to go along with her. You had to feel that this is just how she felt, this was real for her. When I watch the film, there's one moment when I blow it. I look at that, those awful moments when you see yourself and you go, "Oh, you shouldn't do that. That's wrong, wrong,

wrong." And there it is, and you can't take it back.

Q What was it about *Sofya* that made you want to take on the role?

A Oh, my God. What do you think? That kind of volcanic creature ... Also, I was sent it very soon after I'd done *The Queen*, and as a actor your dream is to get something that's the opposite of what you've just done. Obviously, *The Queen* is such a repressed, interior character who doesn't show anything. *Sofya* is the absolute opposite.

Q Is playing a countess a demonstration after playing so many queens?

A You know, every actress who gets to be the kind of age I am always gets to play a queen or two be-

cause very often they are interesting roles that we want to write plays or films about. So it's not just me who gets to play queens. Most actresses have gotten to play a queen or two.

Q Once again, you've been courting some Oscar buzz. Are you looking forward to awards season?

A Last time, I just was constantly sitting through these long, endless evenings. I was always the last one up. It was brutal. "Just let me get home, please. Let me drink." I could never drink. Everyone else was having a ball and I'm just sitting there. But it's so important for this kind of film for things like that to happen. It's a small film, it doesn't have

a big marketing budget. And with these little independent films, it's getting so hard to get them out there at all. And in the next few years it might become even more difficult. I love the big movies. *Avatar* is fabulous. But the library of film has got to be broader than that.

Q And up next you star in an adaptation of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, only with a gender reversal.

A It was to give me a great Shakespearean role to play, because Shakespeare, damn him, gave crap female roles.

They're all crap. Even *Rosalind* is crap. I mean, she talks a lot, but it's not a great role. And as you get older, they really drop away. So the only way for me to get to play a good Shakespearean role is to change the gender. With *Prospero*, you can change it into a woman without



Christopher Plummer and Helen Mirren in *The Last Station*.

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Avatar 3D (PG) Fri 11:30-12:15-3:10-4-6:45-7:40-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:30-3:10-4-6:45-7:40-10:25 Mon 11:30-12:15-3:10-4-6:45-7:40-10:25 Tue 11:30-12:15-3:10-4-6:45-7:40-10:25 Wed-Thru 11:30-12:15-3:10-4-6:45-7:40-10:25**Avatar: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG) Fri 11:45-3:15-7:10-10:30 Sat 10:10-4:45-8:10-11:35 Sun-Tue 11:45-3:15-7:10-10:30 Wed 11:45-3:15-10:30 Thu 11:45-3:15-7:10-10:30**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri-Wed 12:50-4:7-10-10:10 Thu 4:7-10-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1**The Book of Eli** (14A) Fri-Wed 4:10-10:20 Thu 4:10**Celine: Through the Eyes of the World** (G) Sat-Sun 1**CTV Olympic Games Broadcast** (STC) Fri-Sun 11 Mon-Thru 1**Dear John** (PG) Fri-Thru 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:05**Edge of Darkness** (14A) Fri-Thru 1:05-7:10**From Paris With Love** (14A) Fri-Thru 12-2:20-5:7-30-10:05**Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) No Passes Fri-Thru 12:05-1:30-4:05-6:50-7:20-9:40-10:15**Shutter Island** (14A) No Passes Fri-Thru 11:50-12:50-3:25-4:10-6:50-7:25-10:40**Tooth Fairy** (G) Fri-Thru 11:30**Up in the Air** (14A) Fri-Thru 10:20**Valentine's Day** (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:20-1:10-3:25-4:15-6:45-7:30-10-10-10:30 No Passes Thu 12:20-3:25-4:15-6:45-7:25-10-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1**When in Rome** (PG) Fri-Sun 11:50-2:10-4:40-7:05-9:40 Mon 11:50-2:10-4:40-9:40 Tue-Thru 11:50-2:10-4:40-7:05-9:40**The Wolfman** (18A) No Passes Fri-Thru 2-4:45-7:25-10:25 No Passes Fri-Wed 12:45-3:50-7:50-9:50 No Passes Thu 12:45-3:50-6:30-9:50

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Broken Hill (STC) Sun 1**An Education** (PG) Fri 8:45 Sat 12:30-8:45 Sun 4:15-8:45 Mon 8:45 Wed 8:45 Thu 4:45-8:45**The Hurt Locker** (14A) Sat 4:20 Sun 4:30**The Secret of Kells** (STC) Fri 7**Tchaikovsky: The Man and the Music** (STC) Tue 7**World's Best Commercials 2009** (STC) Fri 4:50-10:30 Sat 2:25-6:50 Sun 6:50 Mon 4:50-6:50 Tue 9:15 Wed-Thru 6:50

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Music

'Death by misadventure'

The legacy of AC/DC's Bon Scott lives on 30 years after death

BRIAN TOWIE
for Metro Canada

"You can stick your nine to five living and your collar and your tie. You can stick your moral standards cause it's all a dirty tie." Bon Scott knew it, lived it and died by it.

Millions of AC/DC fans will spend this Friday marking the 30th anniversary of Scott's "death by misadventure" as the London coroner pronounced. On Feb. 19, 1980, the Scottish-born singer was found

in a car after a night of hard drinking, dead of acute alcohol poisoning at age 33.

Fans around the world have been flocking to Fremantle, Western Australia to pay their respects at his final resting place, reportedly the most visited grave in that country and a national heritage site. For good reason too: If school-uniform clad guitarist Angus Young was the face of AC/DC, then Scott gave the band its cavalier damn-the-rules-and-have-fun ethos, delivered with his trade-

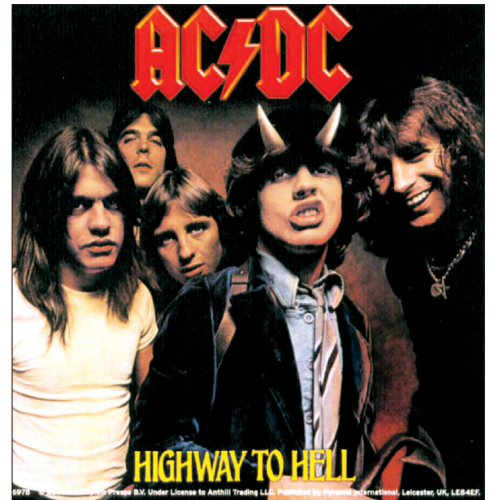
mark bare-chested rock 'n' roll strut.

All the more tragic that Scott's death coincided with AC/DC finally getting the recognition it deserved after years of cult status. Highway To Hell, released in 1979, went platinum seven times over and was the band's first album to break into the U.S. Top 100, catapulting AC/DC to superstardom among the world's top hard rock acts.

The approach stayed the same as ever: Unsophisticated pulse-pounding riffs accompanied Scott's pow-

erful and at times self-deprecating working man's sensibility and insatiable lechery (Scott roars on track Shot Down In Flames, "She was standing alone over by the jukebox like she'd something to sell. I said, 'Baby, what's the going price?' She told me to go to hell."). Add in classics like Girls Got Rhythm, Touch Too Much and Night Prowler (a favourite among strippers and at least one serial killer, unfortunately) and you've got something instantly resonant with every young red-blooded male just trying to make his way in the world.

Within weeks of Scott's cremation, AC/DC reorganized with new lead singer Brian Johnson, to cut a tribute album to their departed friend. Released in



Highway To Hell — released the year before the death of Bon Scott — catapulting AC/DC to international superstardom.

July 1980, Back In Black became the second-highest selling album ever next to Michael Jackson's Thriller, with an estimated 50 million copies sold worldwide to date. It truly is a long way to the top, if you wan-

na rock 'n' roll. Luckily for AC/DC, he played a big part in getting them there.

"I ain't to old to die, but I sure am hard to beat," Bon Scott once declared on track Ride On. Amen to that.

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Sweet-and-Spicy Chicken Stir-Fry

PREP TIME: 10 MIN. ► TOTAL TIME: 20 MIN. ► MAKES: 4 SERVINGS

What You Need

- 1 lb. (450 g) boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into bite-size pieces
- 1 Tbsp. oil
- 3 cups chopped mixed fresh vegetables (red peppers, broccoli, mushrooms)
- 1 clove garlic, minced

1/4 cup Kraft Calorie-Wise Catalina Dressing

2 Tbsp. hoisin sauce

1 tsp. crushed red pepper

Make it

COOK and stir chicken in hot oil in large skillet on high heat 1 min. Add vegetables and garlic; cook and stir 3 to 5 min.

or until chicken is lightly browned.

ADD remaining ingredients; cook 2 min. or until chicken is done and vegetables are crisp-tender.

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Alan Cross

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NOTE: This is definitely an article you'll want to rip out to use for future reference.

In Twitter parlance, Fridays are Follow Friday (or, more correctly, #followfriday), the day on which many users offer suggestions on whom to track. To find anyone or anything listed below, just sign in to Twitter, click "Find People" and enter the name provided. If don't have a Twitter account, getting one is free and easy at twitter.com.

Artists: Coldplay fans — 2.5 million of them — get offers directly from the

band or through the mysterious Roadie #42 (coldplay). Weezer is so serious about social media that they take Karl, their webmaster, with them just about everywhere they go. He's how fans first learned about their bad bus crash (WeezerOfficial). Sloan likes to connect fans to new songs (Sloanmusic). And check out Courtney Love's grammatically and politically incorrect screeds (CourtneyLoveUK).

Music News: Most music magazines and websites offer Twitter alerts with breaking news or links to interesting stories. Britain's NME (NMEmagazine) does a great job as does Spin (SPINmagazine) and Rolling Stone (RollingStone). Highly underrated is Canada's FYI Music (fyimusic), which is a great aggregator of content.

Music Writers and Bloggers: Many writers of music columns for newspa-

pers push out their own tweets in real time. Neil McCormick, who writes for London's Daily Telegraph, offers amusing tweets as he flits between gigs and interviews (neil_mccormick). Bob Lefsetz is the music industry's most outspoken critic and is a must read (Lefsetz). And when Billboard's Glenn Peoples links to something with his tweets, I'm guaranteed to click through (billboardglenn).

Record Labels: Most labels have figured out that Twitter can be an excellent promotional tool for their artists with offers, contests and news. Follow Sony (Sony_Music), Universal (Universal_Music), EMI (emimusiccanada) and Warner (warnercanada). Indie MapleMusic is also very good (maplemusicrecs).

The Ongoing History Of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com

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Doherty chose Canada over L.A.

There was no California dreamin' for the family of the late Halifax singer Denny Doherty, who co-founded the 1960s sunshine pop group the Mamas & the Papas.

Emberly Doherty, his daughter, says her mother insisted he leave Los Angeles in the 1970s to escape the local rock 'n' roll party scene that sparked his alcohol addiction.

With that, Denny and Jeanette Doherty raised daughter Emberly and son John away from the spotlight in Halifax, Mis-

sisauga, Ont., and New York.

And Doherty says that saved him.

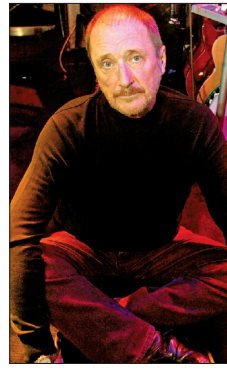
"Thank God he got out of California and got away," Doherty, 28, said of her dad, who is the focus of Sunday's final Great Canadian Biographies instalment on Bravo.

"They say it in the documentary that my mom saved his life. Like, I don't know what would've happened if he had continued down that road. He got out of Dodge."

Here I Am: Denny Doherty and the Mamas & the Papas chronicles the beloved performer's rise from north-end Halifax to the top of the charts with the band that scored hits including California Dreamin' and Monday, Monday.

Doherty, who died in January 2007, is also seen in the doc telling his life story in his off-Broadway show Dream a Little Dream, named after late band member (Mama) Cass Elliot's first solo single.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



Denny Doherty

FRIDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3	CFNC	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Figure Skating, Skeleton, Medal Ceremonies. Figure Skating; Skeleton; Medal Ceremonies. (Live)							
-	-	4	OMNI	King/Queens	The Simpsons	XXI Winter Olympics Curling. From Vancouver, B.C. Curling, women's. (Live)					Friends
-	371	5	KXLY	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	The Insider (N)	Meet the Fockers ** (2004, Comedy) Robert De Niro.				20/20 (N)
245	306	6	CBRT	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: The fifth estate (N)	CBC News: The National		The Hour
244	338	7	CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	NUMB3RS (HDTV)	House "Teamwork"	Glenn Martin	Glenn Martin	Man Tracker	News Hour
246	-	8	CKAL	Murdoch Mysteries	Dark Blue	The Doctors (N)	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	Medium (HDTV)	NUMB3RS		EP Daily
-	372	12	KREM	News	Access H.	Washington	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	NOW on PBS	Moment	Guard-Queen
-	374	14	KSPS	PBS NewsHour (N)	Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune	XXI Winter Olympics Figure Skating, Skeleton, Skiing, Ski Jumping.			
-	370	16	KHQ	KHQ-News 6	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	House "Teamwork"	Kitchen Nightmares (PA)		News
-	373	22	KAYU	The Office	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National		Tasered
502	390	15	CBBC	CBC News: The National	Larry King Live (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		CTV News	CTV News		Cooper 360
500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live (N)	CTV News Tonight	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News		CTV News
501	391	52	CTV	CTV News Tonight	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News		CTV News
400	400	21	TSN	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Curling, Figure Skating, Skiing, Ski Jumping. (HDTV) (Live)							
408	418	27	net	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Cross Country Skiing, Hockey, Curling. (HDTV) (Live)							
552	543	20	YTV	To Be Indie	To Be Indie	To Be Indie	To Be Indie	The Next Star	That's-Weird	Fries That?	Prank Patrol
557	541	39	FAM	Zeke & Luther	Jonas	Sunny Chance	My Dog Skip *** (2000, Drama)		(10:05) Cadet Kelly ** (2002)		
603	561	25	FOOD	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	Diner, Drive-In	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay
615	520	26	A&E	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Odyssey and the Isle of the Mists	(10:01) Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds
617	522	32	SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Relic Hunter	Relic Hunter	Daily Planet	Man vs. Wild	Dirty Jobs	UFC 110 Count
520	505	35	DISC	Man vs. Wild	JFK: Inside the Target Car	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	MANswers	MANswers		
628	584	43	SPIKE	(6) UFC Fight Night	Best of PRIDE Fighting	Antidotes	Antidotes	MANswers	MANswers		
522	516	45	HIST	Jetman	Antidotes	Antidotes	Antidotes	Sahara ** (2005, Adventure)			
-	-	47	AMC	(6) Spy Game ** (2001, Suspense)	Robert Redford.			Movies Shook	Aliens **** (1986, Science Fiction)	Michael Biehn	
581	566	102	MTV	MTV Live	Taking, Stage	16 and Pregnant	1 girl 5 guys	Cribs	Buried	Life of Ryan	16-Pregnant

SATURDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3	CFNC	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Speed Skating, Bobsledding, Short Track Speed Skating, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)							
-	-	4	OMNI	(6) XXI Winter Olympics Short Track Speed Skating, Freestyle Skiing. (Live)							
-	371	5	KXLY	4 News at 6	The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban *** (2004, Fantasy)				
245	306	6	CBRT	Basketball	Rick Mercer	Coach Carter *** (2005, Drama)	Coach Carter *** (2005, Drama)	Love-Death	G-Spot		Pink Panther
244	338	7	CICT	renewedepress	Jane Show	The Last Trimmer (2006, Suspense)	Chandra West.	On the Nose ** (2001, Comedy)	Robbie Coltrane. (DVS)		News Final (N)
246	-	8	CKAL	what's cooking	Most Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	NUMB3RS (HDTV)	48 Hours Mystery		Cruise
-	372	12	KREM	News	Scrubs	Grey's Anatomy	May-December	Dangerous Liaisons 1960 *** (1959, Drama)	Gerard Philipe.		48 Hours Myst.
-	374	14	KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show	CSI: NY (HDTV)	Cops (N)	Cops	XXI Winter Olympics Speed Skating, Bobsledding, Skiing, Ski Jumping. (HDTV)			Soundstage
-	370	16	KHQ	KHQ-News 6	Judge Judy	CSI: NY (HDTV)	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		News
-	373	22	KAYU	College Basketball Gonzaga at Pepperdine. (Live)							
502	390	15	CBBC	National	Mansbridge	Wired for Sex	National	News: At Issue	National	Mansbridge	Wired for Sex
500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live	Newsroom	Newsroom	Campbell Brown	CTV News	CTV News		Newsroom
501	391	52	CTV	CTV News Weekend	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News		CTV News
400	400	21	TSN	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Curling, Figure Skating, Short Track Speed Skating, Hockey. (HDTV) (Live)							
408	418	27	net	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Hockey, Curling, Speed Skating. (HDTV) (Live)							
552	543	20	YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Suite/Deck	Zoey 101	The Next Star	That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This
557	541	39	FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Overruled!	Suite/Deck	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	The Mighty *** (1998, Drama)	
603	561	25	FOOD	Chopped	Top Chef Masters	Steven Seagal	Steven Seagal	Hell's Kitchen	River Cottage Treatment		Chopped
615	520	26	A&E	(6) The Green Mile *** (1999, Drama)	Tom Hanks.	The Unquiet (2007, Suspense)	Carla Buono, Chris Martin.	Steven Seagal	(10:01) The Green Mile (1999, Drama)		Resident Evil
617	522	32	SHOW	Star Trek: Critical	About a Girl	Vermintors (N)	Hills Have Eyes	Ghost Lab "Tombstone" (N)	Crisis Angel Mindreack		Destroyed
520	505	35	DISC	Dirty Jobs	Hills Have Eyes	The Hills Have Eyes 2 * (2007, Horror)	Michael McMillan.	The Hills Have Eyes	Men of Honor *** (2000, Drama)		
628	584	43	SPIKE	Hills Have Eyes	The Hills Have Eyes 2 * (2007, Horror)	Michael McMillan.	The Hills Have Eyes	Cities of the Underworld	Men of Honor *** (2000, Drama)		
522	516	45	HIST	Antidotes	Antidotes	Antidotes	Antidotes	River of No Return *** (1954, Western)	Robert Mitchum.	Broken Lance	
-	-	47	AMC	(6) The Bodyguard ** (1992, Drama)	Kevin Costner.			Canada's Next Top Model	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada-Model
581	566	102	MTV	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada-Model

SUNDAY

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243	317	3	CFNC	(4:05) XXI Winter Olympics Bobsledding, Speed Skating, Hockey, Figure Skating, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)							
-	-	4	OMNI	XXI Winter Olympics Hockey, Speed Skating, Freestyle Skiing.							
-	371	5	KXLY	News	Cougar Basket	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Bollywood Boulevard	Phoenix TV Chinese New Year Variety Show		
245	306	6	CBRT	Heartland (DVS)	Saint Ralph *** (2004, Comedy-Drama)	Adam Butcher.	Extreme Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives	Brothers		
244	338	7	CICT	16:9-Picture	Family	Brothers & Sisters (N)	The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	American Dad	News Final (N)
246	-	8	CKAL	Murdoch Mysteries	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)	Nature (HDTV) (N)	Masterpiece Classic (DVS)	Survivorman (DVS)	Before Parks		Cold Case (N)
-	372	12	KREM	KREM 2 News at 6 (N)	Nature (HDTV) (N)	Masterpiece Classic (DVS)	Survivorman (DVS)	Before Parks			MI-5
-	374	14	KSPS	Lark Rise to Candleford	Nature (HDTV) (N)	Masterpiece Classic (DVS)	Survivorman (DVS)	Before Parks			
-	370	16	KHQ	KHQ-News 6	Mark Few	XXI Winter Olympics Figure Skating, Speed Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Bobsledding. (HDTV)					
-	373	22	KAYU	House "Frozen"	'Til Death	'Til Death	The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	American Dad	News
502	390	15	CBBC	CBC News: The National	Tasered	World-Shoplifting	World-Shoplifting	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National		Assault
500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live	Newsroom	State of the Union	State of the Union	Larry King Live	Larry King Live		Newsroom
501	391	52	CTV	CTV News Weekend	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News		CTV News
400	400	21	TSN	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Curling, Speed Skating, Skiing. (HDTV) (Live)							
408	418	27	net	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Speed Skating, Figure Skating, Biathlon. (HDTV) (Live)							
552	543	20	YTV	King of the Camp (2008, Musical)	Justin Stadyk.	The Next Star	Suite Life	Han. Montana	Fries That?	Fries That?	Survive This
557	541	39	FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Overruled!	Suite/Deck	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold	
603	561	25	FOOD	Iron Chef America	Dinner: Impossible	Criminal Minds "Doubt"	Criminal Minds "Doubt"	Restaurant Makeover	Jamie's Chef		Iron Chef Am.
615	520	26	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Crash & Burn "Til Death"	MythBusters	MythBusters	The Perfect Assistant (2008, Drama)	Rachel Hunter.		Criminal Minds
617	522	32	SHOW	About a Boy	Kink in Hair	Entourage	Entourage	Storm Chasers Greatest Storms	Storm Chasers Greatest Storms		Damages
520	505	35	DISC	Storm Chasers Greatest	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	U-951 ** (2000, Suspense)	Bill Paxton		
628	584	43	SPIKE	DEA "Marijuana Grow House"	Ice Pilots NWT (HDTV)	Ancient Discoveries	Ancient Discoveries	Forrest Gump *** (1994, Drama)	Tom Hanks, Robin Wright, Gary Sinise.		
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His plans are in flux, but Kevin Eubanks says that for now he'll still be with Jay Leno when they return to the Tonight Show, but in a reduced capacity. Eubanks reportedly was going to leave at some point after the show resumes March 1. **PEOPLE.COM**

While my guitar gently weeps

Television

Less Than Kind seeks a kinder audience at HBO

After failing to capture audiences on Citytv, *Less Than Kind* returns for a second season on HBO Canada with showrunner Mark McKinney touting the premium channel as a better fit for the black comedy.

McKinney says a move up the dial grants the Winnipeg-based series greater freedom to push the boundaries than during its limited run on conventional television.

"The show was always conceived to be quite edgy, quite dark and to take a lot of permission with the subject matter, and now that we're on HBO it just fits like a glove," says McKinney, seated next to star Maury Chaykin for a round of media interviews.

"It's kind of where the show belongs, I think, on premium TV. We make use of it, and I don't just mean by cursing and showing nudity — although there is some of that. It's about the way you can sort of explore a theme."

The serial nature of shows on HBO Canada — home to such daring fare as the polygamy drama *Big Love* and the vampire romance *True Blood* — allows *Less Than Kind* to



The cast of *Less Than Kind*

pursue its long story arcs without fear of losing audiences to surprise schedule changes, McKinney says.

He bemoaned the show's Citytv time-slot — directly after the sensational reality show *The Bachelorette* — as less than kind to the offbeat series, about the trials of an overweight teen and his overbearing Jewish family.

"We sort of caught a bad break at the beginning because the (*Bachelorette*), which was scheduled at 90 minutes ... was this runaway hit last year and they extended the show

for two hours," notes the writer/producer.

"And because City was trapped into a simulcast they had to bump us, and so we came back on the dial sometime in mid-March."

"It started to build an audience and then the poor audience didn't know where to find it," adds Chaykin. McKinney says the beauty of premium cable is that schedules are generally a lot more consistent and not as "reactive" as on network TV.

Things for the Blecher clan don't look good as the new season kicks off with the beleaguered Sheldon and his kin standing vigil at

the bedside of their dying patriarch, played by Chaykin. McKinney's *Kids in the Hall* pal Dave Foley guest stars as Dr. Sheagreen, a doctor whose efforts to display his skill at comforting the grieving are frustrated when Sam's health unexpectedly rallies.

Other guests this season include George Wendt from *Cheers* as a biker, and Henry Czerny of *The Tudors* and *The Boys of St. Vincent* as a love interest for Sheldon's aunt, Clara.

McKinney says the series is already in development for season three and insists the cast is more enamoured with Winnipeg than ever.

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Mark McKinney
writer and producer
of *Less Than Kind*

"And, God willing, we do season three, it'll be (shot) in a much warmer environment," says Chaykin, referring to the winter shoots that marked the first two seasons. "People are warning us about the giant mosquitoes."

"And the colour of people's skin in shorts come May," added McKinney. "Apparently that's really frightening, when people first put on their shorts, it's like a scene from *Dawn of the Dead*."

Less Than Kind airs on HBO Canada on Friday, followed by the debut of the animated *Ricky Gervais Show* and, later in the evening, the launch of the web spinoff *Funny or Die Presents*.

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Fey's Palin

COMEDY Tina Fey will probably reprise her famous impression of Sarah Palin when she hosts Saturday Night Live in April, the comedian told The Associated Press.

"It's inevitable that we'll try it, at least," Fey said in an interview Tuesday. "We'll see if it makes it to air."

Officials at the NBC sketch show wouldn't comment; SNL generally doesn't discuss any planned sketches, given that much can change even in the hours before show time. Fey's performances as the former Alaska governor and Republican vice-presidential candidate were an icon of the 2008 campaign and drew huge ratings for SNL.

Fey made four appearances on the show as Palin, earning her an Emmy in September for guest actor. She was also voted 2008's AP Entertainer of the Year.

The comedian said the whole experience was "a little overwhelming."

"It was the strangest thing that's ever happened to me," Fey said. "I've never had anything fall in my lap like that."

Everything is usually me trying to convince the people of Earth that it's OK for me to perform ... That felt like the opposite."

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Less Than Kind airs on HBO Canada Friday

Octomom checks out The View

TALK SHOW ABC says octuplets mother Nadya Suleman will make her first appearance as a guest on *The View* next week.

Suleman and her children have been a frequent topic of debate on the weekday talk show, co-hosted by Barbara Walters, Whoopi Goldberg, Joy Behar, Elisabeth Hasselbeck and Sherri Shepherd. She will appear Wednesday on the show.

Widely known as Octomom, Suleman gained international attention last year for giving birth to octuplets, the second full set of octuplets born alive in the United States. She also has six other children. She conceived all her children by in vitro fertilization and she has been criticized for growing this huge family as a single mother on public assistance. The octuplets celebrated their first birthday in January.

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Idols sings for its supper

HAITI RELIEF Kris Allen next week will make his first appearance on *American Idol* since winning the show last year, to help raise money for earthquake-ravaged Haiti.

As part of the Fox TV show's *Idol Gives Back* charity effort, Allen will travel to Haiti with the United Nations Foundation.

He'll share video from his visit and sing on the Thursday, Feb. 25, episode of *American Idol*.

Idol Gives Back takes place on the April 21 episode of *American Idol*, raising money for five charities, including Feeding America and Malaria No More.

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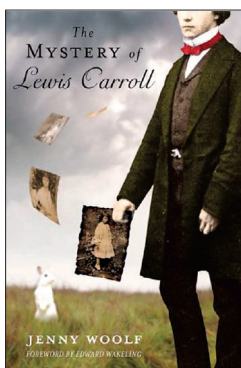
Alexis Bledel has a lot on her plate, but *Gilmore Girl* fans will be happy to hear that she won't rule out a movie adaptation. "I don't know what the story would be, but I would be curious to find out what it would be," she said. **POPEATER.COM**

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 The Mystery of Lewis Carroll: Jenny Woolf

BOOK Prepare for the rabbit hole (Tim Burton's film version of *Alice in Wonderland* is out March 5) with this new biography of the famed author. British journalist Jenny Woolf's chronicle digs deep into some of the rumours that have surrounded the writer over the years: Was he a pedophile? Was his most enduring character based on Alice Liddle?



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WEBSITE Fans of Canadian documentaries can now get their fill online. The Hot Docs documentary film festival is making hundreds of titles available for viewing at hotdocslibrary.ca. The library offers free access to films by some of the country's leading directors, including Jennifer Baichwal, Allan King, Avi Lewis and John Haslett Cuff.

3 The Damned United

DVD Soccer fan or not, this was arguably the best sports film — yes, not *The Blind Side* — released in 2009. British thespian Michael Sheen is on the ball with his portrayal of legendary soccer manager Brian Clough, who made a living out of transforming minor clubs to league champs only to fall flat during his short tenure with '70s powerhouse Leeds United. Too bad Oscar didn't come calling.

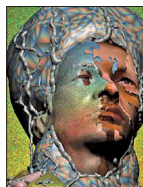


4 Leonard Cohen

MUSICIAN OK, some credit goes to K.D. Lang for her haunting rendition of the singer-songwriter's Hallelujah at the Olympics opening ceremony. But the fact that the song was one of the highlights of a night not short of spectacle speaks volumes for Cohen's enduring influence. The Canadian legend is also up for induction into the Songwriters Hall of Fame this summer.

5 Odd Blood: Yeasayer

ALBUM Brooklyn's where it's at. Like their burroughs peers TV On The Radio and The Dirty Projectors, the New York City trio play hard at being avant-garde pop stars. The band's second album is as much a curve ball as their debut, but tracks like Ambling Alp might just land them on the charts.



6 Heavy Rain

GAME If experts are to be believed, this title will revolutionize the world of video games. The noirish PlayStation3 thriller takes interactivity to cinematic heights. Shave, shower, do the grocery, bribe people, beat the hell out of someone — there are plenty of options at any given time, which ultimately affects the outcome of the game.



7 Shutter Island

FILM Master filmmaker Martin Scorsese returns to Cape Fear territory with this psychological thriller based on a Dennis Lehane novel. Will it reach the heights of Oscar-winning *The Departed*? Probably not, but who cares as long as good ol' Marty and his muse, Leonardo DiCaprio, pile on the dread.

Mix of Six

The 44th Annual Auto Value Parts World of Wheels

When: Friday to Sunday
Where: BMO Centre

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Shannon Morgan's Art Show

When: Friday to Sunday
Where: Venturion Art Gallery

An art event in support of the Canadian Mental health Association.

What is Black History? Symposium

When: Friday
Where: Calgary Public Library, central branch
Speakers include Francis

Boakye, Leo Cripps, David Este, Fifi Fernandes, Vincent Joachim.

The 28th Annual Alberta Dance Explosions Festival

When: Friday & Saturday
Where: Dancers Studio West Theatre
Amazing dancers, breath-taking performances.

Polaroid's by Attila Richard Lukacs and Michael Morris

When: Until March 14
Where: Alberta College of Art and Design
An archive of thousands of Polaroid photos.

Monster Jam

When: Saturday
Where: Pengrowth Saddle-dome
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Entertainment in brief

PEOPLE Hollywood actor and web-savvy activist Ashton Kutcher says he will "crowd source" questions about the Kremlin's push to develop a Russian Silicon Valley to his 4.5 million Twitter fans. The actor

is part of a U.S. delegation of technology and social media leaders that arrived in Moscow as part of White House efforts to improve ties with Russia.

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Halifax singer-songwriter Meaghan Smith has been called the female version of Michael Bublé.

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Meaghan Smith is being compared to some pretty elite company.

One Ottawa newspaper reviewer said the Halifax singer-songwriter reminds her of a female version of Michael Bublé.

Another so-called expert — a vintage Lady Ga Ga. Not too shabby, to say the least.

Yet, while humbled by such comparisons, the 30-year-old Smith hopes this month's worldwide release of her debut album, *The*

Cricket's Orchestra, will pave the way towards the day when her vintage style of music is seen as her own.

Take it one step further, and maybe people will even start being compared to her. "I wouldn't mind that," Smith told Metro this week in a phone interview.

However, Smith knows she's not there yet. As she so rightfully puts it when talking about being compared to others, "that's what's going to happen until I establish myself."

The release of her album earlier this month is a great start. What's even better is

the positive reaction it has been getting both from the public and musical critics.

"It can kind of mess up your head a little bit," Smith admitted. "Everything has been really positive."

"Not that I was expecting a negative response. I've just been feeling overwhelmed by it."

Smith's debut CD has a sound reminiscent of the '20s, '30s and '40s — a style that "greatly moved" her when she grew up listening to it in her native London, Ont.

But Smith has put her own twist to the style, with

a lot of her inspirations coming from old movies she watched growing up, including such Disney cartoon favourites as *Cinderella* and *Fox and the Hound*.

"With this record, I didn't want to recreate a music from an era that's already been done," she explained. "A lot of what I did is upgraded it."

And she's continuing that trend now. She's already in the studio working on her next album. "I think my next album is going to be a continuation of what I've started with the sound I found," she said.

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Celebrity Buzz**From the mouth of babes**

THE TRUTH HURTS LIKE A NEEDLE IN THE ARM Courtney Love claims her estranged daughter has no confidence in her comeback, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 45-year-old rocker is about to return to the music scene with new album Nobody's Daughter but received very little support from 17-year-old Frances Bean, who she lost custody of in December.

"One time, Frances was being mean and said, 'What are you going to do if the record fails?'" Love, the widow of Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain, told Spin magazine.

"Well, Frances, it can't fail because I love it, and I've worked really hard to make sure that I love it."

Love is currently embroiled in a custody battle over Frances, who is living with her grandmother Wendy O'Connor and Cobain's sister Kimberly Dawn Cobain after Frances took out a restraining order against her mother.



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Love — who has previously battled drug problems — admits the ongoing case and her estrangement from her daughter are both taking their toll on her.

As well as the battle for her daughter, Love is also beset by financial problems, and last year claimed Cobain's \$750 million legacy had been stolen from her.

It's all about the music, baby

OH, AND THE SEX AND DRUGS, OF COURSE The soap opera starring Steven Tyler and Joe Perry just keeps getting more convoluted, popeater.com reports.

Aerosmith — the whole band — has been tapped to headline the Download Festival in June, even though recent news reports suggested the iconic rock group was moving on without their troubled lead singer.

In a statement on the festival's site, Tyler said, "In the early days of Aerosmith we were infected with the vibe coming out of the UK with the Yard-

birds, Blues Breakers, Pretty Things and the Stones and we wanted what



they had bad. "So baby, we're coming home. Rock & Roll can be pure sex and we can't wait to Download ..."

Relations between the two old friends have been tenuous at best since last August when Tyler plummeted off a concert stage and months later entered rehab for pain killers.

Official channels within the Aerosmith machine have yet to comment on the booking.

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He's been a very bad boy

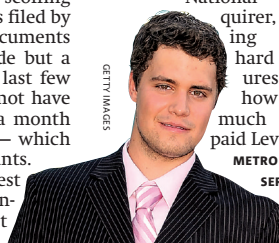
WELL, AT LEAST SARAH AND HER DAUGHTER THINK SO Bristol Palin apparently thinks her baby daddy, Levi Johnston, is a big fat liar ... and she's subpoenaing CNN and Playgirl to prove it, TMZ reports.

The lawyer for Sarah Palin's daughter is scoffing at legal documents filed by Levi's lawyer — documents claiming Levi made but a pittance over the last few years and should not have to pay \$1,688.42 a month in child support — which is what Bristol wants.

Levi says the best he's done in the income department

so far is last year — claiming he made approximately \$101,000.

TMZ reports that Palin's not buying it, because her lawyer issued subpoenas today to CNN, Playgirl, Entertainment Tonight, The Insider, Star Magazine, and National Enquirer, asking for hard figures on how much they paid Levi.



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Giving some Leo insight

NOW CAN WE TALK ABOUT WHAT A STELLAR ACTRESS THIS GIRL IS? Emily Mortimer and Leonardo DiCaprio may have worked closely for months together in Martin Scorsese's new psychological thriller Shutter Island, but when it comes to the personal life of the man she calls "the world's most gorgeous movie star," the new mom admits she hasn't a clue, people.com reports.

Asked about the recent rumblings that DiCaprio may finally settle down with longtime girlfriend Bar

Rafaeli — despite some occasional bumps in their relationship and his rep's denial the duo became engaged — Mortimer, 38, let out a laugh and said, "I didn't know he wasn't married!"

"I'm sure that he will, yes, and be very happy."

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Don't worry guys, **KRISTIN CAVALLARI**'s OK and not on drugs, **NICOLE "SNOOKI" POLIZZI** — the next American guidette is in London? **LINDSAY LOHAN**'s ignoring real life and her dad Michael tries to save her (but that's nothing new), and **SPENCER PRATT**'s new yoga practice has some unintended side effects.

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Can you feel the love tonight?

THEY SURE DID Elton John slept with David Furnish after their first date, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — who wed the Canadian filmmaker in December 2005 — was smitten with his future spouse the first time

they met and took him out for dinner the next day and afterwards they spent the night together.

"I was attracted to David immediately. He was very well dressed, very shy. The next night we had dinner."



ner," he said.

"We fell in love very quickly."

The pair met during a dinner party at John's house in 1993, after the pop star begged a friend to introduce him to new group of people.

John also revealed to Parade magazine he and Furnish write love notes to each other every week, to keep the romance in their relationship alive.

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Myth #76: sons need their fathers

THE NANNIES WILL BE GREAT AT PLAYING CATCH ... AND TEACHING HIM SPANISH Kourtney Kardashian has reportedly split from Scott Disick, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 30-year-old socialite is said to have ended her romance with the father of her two-month-old son Mason be-

cause she felt "trapped" and was growing increasingly frustrated with him.

"Kourtney resents Scott for his behaviour," a source told In Touch magazine.

"They fight about almost everything when they're together."

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**My big fat Cowell wedding**

TULLE! MORE TULLE! Simon Cowell is planning the "biggest showbiz wedding for years," reports femalefirst.co.uk. The music mogul's friends have confirmed he proposed to girlfriend Mezghan Hussainy on Valentine's Day and are amazed at how happy the makeup artist is making him.

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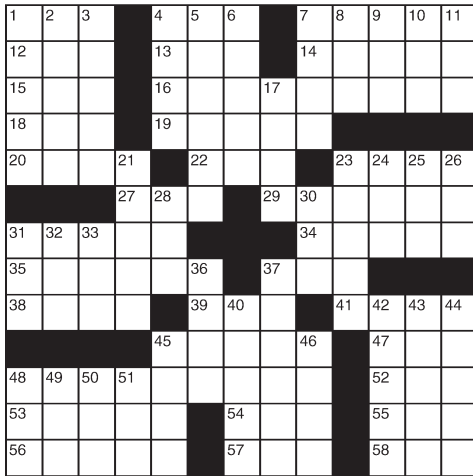


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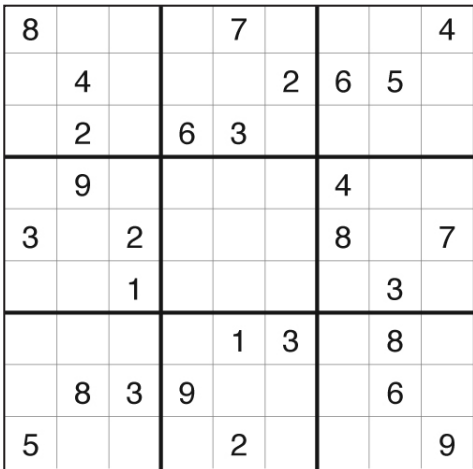
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Metro Recipe of the Day



Orange-blossom Lamb

INGREDIENTS:

8 lamb chops
2 tbsp (25 ml) butter
1 can orange juice concentrate, thawed
1 medium onion, sliced
2 tsp (10 ml) soy sauce
1 tsp (5 ml) salt
Dash pepper

METHOD:

1) In large skillet, brown lamb chops in butter over medium heat. Add

remaining ingredients and mix well.

2) Reduce heat; cover and simmer 20-25 minutes or until meat is tender, turning once. To serve, spoon sauce over lamb.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Something will not work out the way you expected today but there is no need to panic because in the short-term it does not matter.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23
The reason a loved one is acting a little bit cold towards you at the moment is because you said or did something they do not approve of.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21
Something will happen over the next day or two that encourages you to reconsider a belief or opinion that you have never had cause to question before.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
You have been working too hard of late and need to go easier on yourself over the next few days.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21
You don't need anyone's approval to follow a course of action that is right for you both financially and emotionally.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21
You have allowed too many people to get away with too many things in recent weeks and now you have no option but to reassert your authority.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22
You may be well organized but not everyone is as in control of their lives as you are, so make allowances.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20
Some of the people you will have to deal with today don't know how to think logically or act in predictable ways, and there's not much you can do.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23
Everything will go well for you today so long as you don't get distracted by things that are of no real importance. Don't waste time on trivialities.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18
Do something out of the ordinary today. Do something that even by your madcap Aquarius standards is a little bit over the top.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22
If someone offers you their help today you should think long and hard before you accept.

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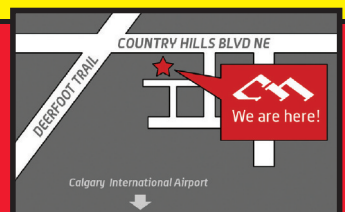
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